

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Sheng-Ping Zhong Art Unit: 1615
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is being submitted in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 23, 2010, having a date for response of February 23, 2011. Thus, this Response is timely submitted.

No fees are believed to be due. Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047 and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Amendment and Remarks.

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